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JUDGE:

RE: Speaking Invitation  
Kennedy School of Government  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
21 March 1988

Director of the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Dick Thornburgh and a member of the Student Advisory Committee Adam Diamant have invited you to participate in a four person panel discussion in the Forum of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University on Thursday, 21 March. The topic of discussion will focus on "public access to government information and the relationship between access to information and the ongoing viability of our democratic institutions." The school envisions that this discussion "will concentrate on broad topics within the scope of freedom of information." Former CIA employee [redacted] and Kennedy School professor Richard Haass have made firm commitments to appear on the panel. Bob Woodward of the WASHINGTON POST also has been invited. Marvin Kalb, Director of the Kennedy School's Joan Shorenstein Barone Center for the Press, Politics, and Public Policy, will moderate.

You could expect an audience of approximately 850 students, scholars, faculty and members of the Boston and Harvard community. The program is taped and your permission is asked to broadcast this on the National Public Radio network.

Entering into a public debate with an adversary of the Agency such as [redacted] would only dignify his accusations and would not be of any benefit to us. Although the public may not view it this way, [redacted] has been out of the intelligence community for over a decade and is no longer knowledgeable in the field. I do not see what good it could do to debate Bob Woodward in an open forum either. I recommend that you decline this invitation. If you agree, attached are letters for your signature.

[redacted]  
Bill Baker

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Washington, D. C. 20505

16 February 1988

The Honorable Richard Thornburgh  
Harvard University  
John F. Kennedy School of Government  
Institute of Politics  
79 John F. Kennedy Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

Dear Dick:

Thank you for asking me to participate in a panel discussion in the Forum of the Kennedy School of Government. At present, my spring schedule is pretty hectic between commitments on Capitol Hill and other speaking engagements already accepted. I know you will understand.

I certainly enjoyed my evening in December with several of the Kennedy School faculty members. Warmest regards and best wishes for a successful program.

Sincerely yours,

*Bill*

William H. Webster  
Director of Central Intelligence

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Washington, D. C. 20505

16 February 1988

Mr. Adam Diamant  
Student Advisory Committee  
Harvard University  
John F. Kennedy School of Government  
Institute of Politics  
79 John F. Kennedy Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

Dear Mr. Diamant:

Many thanks for inviting me to participate in a panel discussion in the Forum of the Kennedy School of Government on March 21st. Unfortunately, I must decline. The past months have been quite hectic and my schedule for March looks no better.

Best wishes for a successful program.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William H. Webster".

William H. Webster  
Director of Central Intelligence

# HARVARD UNIVERSITY

JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT

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January 15, 1988

REFERENCE

Honorable William H. Webster  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

We are writing to invite you to participate in a panel discussion in the Forum of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University on March 21, 1988. The discussion will focus on public access to government information and the relationship between access to information and the ongoing viability of our democratic institutions. We envision that this discussion will concentrate on broad topics within the scope of freedom of information (i.e. Under what conditions may it be appropriate to deny the public access to information? What kind of information, if any, should be routinely denied? Does public access to information add or detract from the efficient operation of our government? What are the long-term consequences of government secrecy?).

We have invited four speakers to participate in this discussion. Marvin Kalb, Director of the Kennedy School's Joan Shorenstein Barone Center for the Press, Politics, and Public Policy, will moderate. At present, we have firm commitments from ex-CIA employee [redacted] and Kennedy School professor Richard Haass. We have also invited Bob Woodward of the Washington Post. We hope that you will consider this invitation and you will come to the Forum to participate in this discussion.

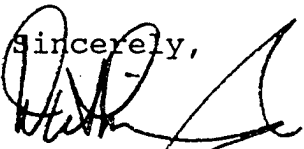
The Forum, situated in the John F. Kennedy School of Government, is Harvard's center stage for political debates, speeches and discussions. Recent speakers have included President Oscar Arias, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, and former Presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford, among the many. The Forum can accommodate up to 850 people, with overflow capacity which reaches 1100. Our audience is composed of students, scholars, faculty, and a broad cross section of the Harvard and Boston communities. The program is taped and, with your permission, may be broadcast on the National Public Radio network.

Honorable William H. Webster  
January 14, 1988  
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If necessary, the Institute of Politics will reimburse your coach airfare and overnight accommodations, but it does not provide an honorarium. May I request in advance that you save all original receipts so that reimbursement can be accomplished as quickly as possible.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Jennifer Jordan, Director of the Forum, at (617) 495-1380.

Sincerely,



Dick Thornburgh  
Director



Adam Diamant  
Student Advisory Committee

DT/ls